

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 15, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0008], [0026], [0032], and [0059] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

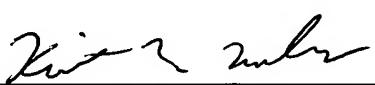
Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 28-31 are allowed. Claims 1-9, 11-17, 22-24, 26, 27 and 32-45 are rejected. Claims 10, 18-21, 25 and 46 are objected to.

Claims 1 - 46 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 11-17, 22-24, 26, 27 and 32-45 have been cancelled by Applicant. Reconsideration of the objected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 10, 18-21, 25 and 46 are amended to place the dependent claims in independent form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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